

Welcome to
St Peter's Eastern Hill

*Diocese of Melbourne - Anglican Church of Australia
Parish Church of the City since 1846*



Altar frontal from *La Seu d'Urgell* (c. 1125)

Ordinary Sunday 24

13th September 2020

Parish Mass, 10.30am

Live-streamed on the St Peter's FaceBook page & YouTube channel

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, sadly, public worship is no longer permitted; but we warmly invite you to join us online each Sunday live-streamed to FaceBook (<https://bit.ly/2ZeiZN5>) and YouTube (<https://bit.ly/2AIZiDF>).

Mass setting: E. Bairstow (1874-1946) *The Service for the Office of Holy Communion*

Celebrant: In the name of the Father + and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The celebrant chants the collect for purity.

Let us pray: Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleansing the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The cantor sings: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

The celebrant introduces the confession:

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in
God's forgiveness.
**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
And in what we have failed to do:
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
We repent and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you
In newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The celebrant pronounces the absolution:

Almighty God,
Who has promised forgiveness of sins
to all those who turn to him in faith:
+ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria.

Glory be to God on high
And in earth peace, goodwill towards men,
We praise thee, we bless thee,
 we worship thee, we glorify thee,
 we give thanks to thee, for thy great glory
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sins of the world,
 have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
 have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
 receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
 have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
 thou only art the Lord;
 thou only, O Christ,
 with the Holy Ghost,
 art most high
+ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The celebrant prays the Collect.

O God, you call your Church to witness
That in Christ we are reconciled to you:
Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
That all who hear it may turn to you;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

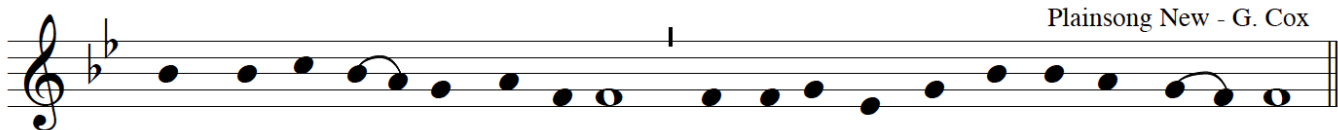
Anger and wrath, these are abominations, yet a sinner holds on to them. The vengeful will face the Lord's vengeance, for he keeps a strict account of their sins. Forgive your neighbour the wrong that is done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does anyone harbour anger against an other, and

expect healing from the Lord? If one has no mercy toward an other like oneself, can one then seek pardon for one's own sins? If a mere mortal harbours wrath, who will make an atoning sacrifice for that one's sins? Remember the end of your life, and set enmity aside; remember corruption and death, and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook faults.

Hear the word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103:1-4, 9-12

The cantor leads the singing of the Psalm. Please join in the response.



The Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful; slow to an-ger, and rich in com -pas -sion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits. **R.**

It is the Lord who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. **R.**

He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us. **R.**

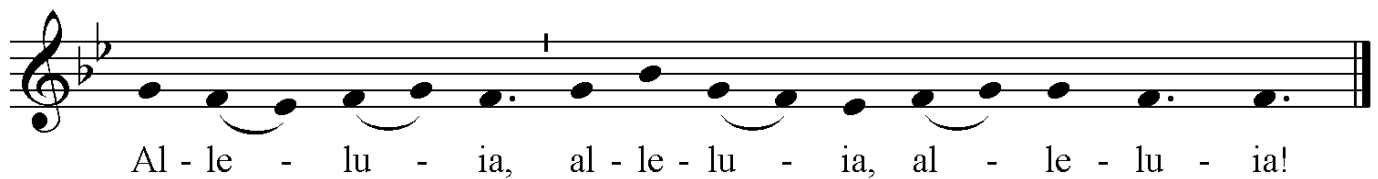
THE EPISTLE: Romans 14:7-9

My brothers and sisters, we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Hear the word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

The cantor leads the singing of the antiphon. Please join in the response.



The celebrant: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you + Lord Jesus Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, a brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ The lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. “But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: Fr Greg Davies

Please stand for the Nicene Creed.

Celebrant

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We be - lieve in one God, the Fa - ther, the al - might - y,
mak - er of hea - ven and earth, of all that is,
seen and un - seen. We be - lieve in
one Lord, Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God,
e - ter - nal - ly be - got - ten of the Fa - ther,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
be - got - ten, not made, of one be - ing with the Fa - ther;
through him all things were made. For us and for
our sal - va - tion he came down from hea - ven,
and was in - car - nate of the ho - ly Spi - rit
and the Vir - gin Ma - ry, and be - came tru - ly hu - man.
For our sake he was cru - ci - fied un - der Pon - tius Pi - late;

he suf - fered death and was bur - ied. On the third day he rose a - gain
 in ac - cord - ance with the Scrip - tures; he as - cend - ed in - to hea - ven
 and is seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther. He will come a - gain in glo - ry
 to judge the liv - ing and the dead and his king - dom will have no end.
 We be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spi - rit, the Lord, the giv - er of life,
 who pro - ceeds from the Fa - ther and the Son, who with the Fa - ther and the
 Son is wor - shipped and glo - ri - fied, who has spok - en through the pro - phets.
 We be - lieve in one, ho - ly, cath - o - lic and a - po - sto - lic Church.
 We ac - know - ledge one bap - tism for the for - give - ness of sins.
 We look for the re - sur - rect - ion of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. A - -
 - - - - - men.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

After each petition: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And at the end: Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let light + perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant: Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF THE PEACE

Celebrant: We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The cantor sings as the altar is prepared, in place of the offertory hymn.

Celebrant: Blessed are you . . . **Blessed be God forever.**

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice
may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.
**May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands
to the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to

Celebrant: . . . forever praising you and saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
 Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
 Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
 + Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:

Celebrant: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith ...
**Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: We worship you, Father Almighty,
 in songs of never-ending praise ...
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
 Are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant

As our Sav - iour Christ has taught us, we are con - fi - dent to pray,
 Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name,
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins
 as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us
 from the time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
 For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours

2. Living stones, by God appointed
Each to his allotted place,
Kings and priests, by God anointed,
Shall ye not declare his grace?
Ye, a royal generation,
Tell the tidings of your birth,
Tidings of a new creation
To an old and weary earth.

3. Tell the praise of him who called you
Out of darkness into light,
Broke the fetters that enthralled you,
Gave you freedom, peace and sight:
Tell the tale of sins forgiven,
Strength renewed and hope restored,
Till the earth, in tune with heaven,
Praise and magnify the Lord.

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Words: C. A. Alington (1872-1955)

Tune: C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The celebrant chants the post-communion prayer:

Living God, in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.
May the power of your love,
Which we have known in word and sacrament,
Continue you saving work among us,
Give us courage for our pilgrimage,
And bring us to the joys you promise.

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

The blessing: The peace of God ...

The celebrant dismisses the congregation.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude: Adrian Self (b. 1952) *Sarabande*.